



Weekly Information & Communication



## Weekly WIC Newsletter

May 1, 2017

### June 1<sup>st</sup> Conference Call

Our next local agency conference call will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am. The draft agenda is [attached](#). We would like to invite WIC Directors, fiscal staff and Health Officers to attend as we will be presenting and discussing our FFY 18 Funding Formula. This used to be discussed annually with the WIC Futures Study Group, and when this group dissolved, we committed to having an open forum for this review and discussion during the Spring. There will also be a 2 week comment period after the conference call for local agency management to submit any questions, concerns or feedback related to the projected funding. **Please invite pertinent staff to attend this call.**

We have heard from several locals who are currently preparing their FFY 18 budgets and would like preliminary numbers. We would be happy to provide those as soon as we have them, you may contact Stacy ([SPurdom@mt.gov](mailto:SPurdom@mt.gov)) to request these individually ahead of our June 1<sup>st</sup> call.

### Benefit Issuance

As we are preparing to roll out eWIC, you will start to notice some changes in SPIRIT, and we will try to make you aware of them as they are happening.

Today we are updating the benefit issuance cycles to ONLY suggest 3 months of benefits for participants. Often SPIRIT will suggest the current month plus 3 months, for a total of 4 months, of possible benefits. We are changing this to limit the issuance to 3 months total. This is to help facilitate a smooth roll out of eWIC and the food package changes that are coming in September.

Additionally, later this month you will start to see "eWIC only" after some new food items. Please DO NOT use these until you are asked to do so by the State in preparation for eWIC. There will be a period of time before your rollout that you will need to update food packages for participants (this will save time in the appointments) and we will provide more guidance on when and how to do this. For now, please issue normally.

### Final Deadline for Time Study

This **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, is the final deadline for April's Time Study. Please have your time recorded by then. If you have any questions, please contact [Kelly](#).

## E-WIC is Coming Poster (Pilot Area)

The state office will soon be mailing out E-WIC is Coming posters and flyers for agencies in the pilot area. **For the pilot agencies only**, please let [Kelly](#) at 444-0909 know how many you need by **close of business Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

The poster is intended for clinic use. The E-WIC flyers are meant to be used as an outreach tool, and distributed around your respective communities.

## Super User Call

There was a Super User call April 24<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of information covered in this call. The minutes, PowerPoint, and recording are located on the [WIC training page](#). If you have questions please contact [Lacy](#).

## Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2018

The Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEG) for FY18 will be posted on the website in June. Please print the updated IEG table, and have available at your work station for reference.

For the income eligibility brochure inserts, please indicate how many you need per lead local agency using the [order form](#) on our website. The IEG Form # is [31B WIC Outreach Brochure-Income eligibility Guidelines](#) and 31BS for the Spanish language version.

Send all orders to [Kelly](#) at the state office by **close of business Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please dispose of any old inserts, and replace with the updated version.

## Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program (BPCP) Annual Report

Local Agencies operating a BPCP are required to submit an annual report on activities, data or other information about their program during the time period of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017. Information from the reports is included with our 2018 State Plan submission for WIC. The report is now due. If you have any questions or to submit your report, contact Chris at [cfogelman@mt.gov](mailto:cfogelman@mt.gov).

## New Training Site

Moodle will be replaced with DPHHS eLearn. This was launched on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The new icon will be pushed out to all state network computers. If you are off the state network, the [DPHHS eLearn](#) link will take you to the site. You will have to use your state login information to access the site. Sorry for the short notice. The State Office was told about the change on April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact [Dick](#) or [Lacy](#).

## Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 134](#), Failure to Thrive is defined as diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver.

Note: For premature infants with a diagnosis of FTT also see: "Guidelines for Growth Charts and Gestational Age Adjustment for Low Birth Weight and Very Low Birth Weight Infants".

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